

**REMARKS****I. Status of the Claims**

Claims 1-19, 21-25 and 27-38 are pending in the application.

In the amendments above, Applicant has amended each of claims 19 and 25 to delete the term "said" from those claims so that the claims are placed in proper form. These amendment do not alter the scope or content of claims 19 and 25.

**II. Effect of Suspension of *Ex parte* Prosecution on this Amendment**

In a communication from the Patent Office (Paper No. 12) mailed on August 12, 2003, *ex parte* prosecution was resuspended for 6 months due to a potential interference.

Under the Patent Office rules, this amendment will not be entered at this time but will be placed in the file and considered by the Examiner for entry when *ex parte* prosecution is reopened.

**III. Conclusion**

Applicant respectfully requests placement of this amendment in the file and declaration of an interference.

Respectfully submitted,  
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